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## WHAT'S HAPPENING

### Michigan Worker Deaths of 2018

The fourth, fifth, sixth and seventh reported Michigan worker deaths of 2018 occurred on March 30, April 4, 27 and 30. The information below shares **preliminary details** about the most recent fatalities reported to the Michigan Occupational Safety and Health Administration (MIOSHA) which is believed to be covered by the MIOSH Act. The description reflects information provided to MIOSHA at the initial report of the incident and is not the result of the official MIOSHA investigation.

*Preliminary summary of incident #4: On March 23rd, a 57-year-old special education teacher was performing morning drop off duties on a public roadway when she was struck by a motor vehicle. The teacher passed away from her injuries on March 30, 2018.*

*Preliminary summary of incident #5: On March 15th, at approximately 8:00 a.m., a 52-year-old bus driver slipped and fell on ice/snow while walking through the parking lot on the way to his car after completing his morning bus run. His left femur was fractured and he was sent to the hospital. The bus driver was recuperating at home when he died of an apparent heart attack on April 4, 2018.*

*Preliminary summary of incident #6: On April 27th, at approximately 10:40 a.m., a 50-year-old laborer working for a demolition company was engaged in fire watch duties when a piece that was being cut fell, striking the employee in the chest.*

*Preliminary summary of incident #7: On April 30th, at approximately 11:30 a.m., a 55-year-old truck driver had dumped a load of top-soil with a dump truck. At some point, the raised dump-bed of the truck contacted power lines and pulled the primary pole down. The primary lines were hooked inside the raised dump-bed. It appeared that after leaving the cab of the dump-truck, the driver's hand contacted something that was energized. He was pronounced deceased at the scene.*

There were 38 MIOSHA-related deaths in 2017. 2009 saw the lowest number with 24. Every life is precious. Our mutual goal must be that every employee goes home at the end of their shift every day!

If you need help or assistance in ensuring your workplace is safe, MIOSHA is here with resources to help. The Consultation Education and Training (CET) Division provides workplace

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safety and health training and consultations to employers and employees throughout Michigan, **free of charge**. Contact CET today at 800-866-4674 or submit a request [online](#).

## National Safety Stand-Down to Prevent Falls in Construction

**What is the Safety Stand-Down?** The National Fall Prevention [Safety Stand-Down](#) was conceived by OSHA in 2014 as part of the National Falls Campaign to raise awareness surrounding the severity of fall hazards in construction and the importance of preventing them. In a construction industry, the term “safety stand-down” is used to describe a wide variety of activities where normal work is paused and the entire site focuses on a particular safety issue.



While some employers may use stand-downs to call attention to specific hazards present on their site as an intervention, the Campaign has adopted the use of the stand-down to draw attention to fall hazards in a nationwide, week-long event. It's an opportunity for employers to pause work and have a conversation with workers about fall hazards, protective methods, and the company's safety policies, goals and expectations.

**Who is it for?** [HERE](#) is a list of the Stand-Down events that MIOSHA will be participating in with employers to help bring awareness. Please note: not all events are open to the public.

**Why Should I Participate?** Falls continue to be the leading cause of workplace fatalities in Michigan: 2016 – 22 of 43 fatalities were due to falls (51%) and in 2017, 15 of 38 fatalities were due to falls (39%). Fall fatalities have decreased, but even one is too many! MIOSHA issued 489 serious fall protection citations, with initial penalties costing \$765,620. Hazard elimination, proper training, and use of fall protection can change these numbers. Visit [OSHA's webpage](#) and [NIOSH's webpage](#) for more information.

## #WaterRestShade Campaign for Heat Illness

During hot weather, OSHA will promote the risks of heat and prevention measures using the #WaterRestShade Campaign for Heat Illness Prevention. The 2018 campaign will be less structured than in past years. The informal launch will be May 25, 2018, to coincide with the national “Don't Fry Day.” Visit [OSHA's website](#) for more information.



## Coffee With MIOSHA

[Coffee with MIOSHA](#) events provide an informal opportunity for employers and employees to meet with MIOSHA representatives (consultative, enforcement, and radiation safety) to ask questions, obtain information on program services and resources, learn about MIOSHA Training Institute (MTI) opportunities, and establish rapport.

- Wednesday, June 13, 2018, 9 a.m. – 11 a.m.  
Hosted by: [Michigan Safety Conference](#)  
Best Western-Okemos (Stadium Room)  
2209 University Park Drive  
Okemos, MI 48864  
Click [HERE](#) to RSVP





## AGENCY INSTRUCTIONS ISSUED

March 26, 2018 – [Training for MIOSHA Personnel](#)

April 12, 2018 – [Eyewash/Shower Equipment](#)

## MEDIA

April 9, 2018 - [C.A. Hull Co., Inc. in Commerce Township Becomes First Construction Company to Receive MIOSHA's Ergonomic Success Award](#)

April 10, 2018 - [Georgia-Pacific Chemicals Grayling Plant Receives Fourth Consecutive MIOSHA MVPP Star Award for Workplace Safety](#)

April 10, 2018 - [Johnson Technology Plants in Muskegon Receive Fifth Consecutive MVPP Star Award for Workplace Safety](#)

April 17, 2018 - [MIOSHA Training Institute Graduates Recognized at Michigan Safety Conference](#)

April 18, 2018 - [MIOSHA and Great Lakes Safety Training Center Sign Alliance to Promote Workplace Safety and Health](#)

April 19, 2018 - [Albemarle Corporation in South Haven Named a MIOSHA Star Site a Second Time for Exemplary Worker Safety](#)

April 26, 2018 - [MIOSHA Invites Employers and Workers to Share a Cup of Coffee and Learn about the Benefits of Workplace Safety and Health; "Coffee with MIOSHA"](#)

April 27, 2018 - [MIOSHA Calls for Renewed Commitment to Workplace Safety on "Workers Memorial Day"](#)

## VARIANCES

Variations from MIOSHA standards must be made available to the public in accordance with Part 12, Variations (R408.22201 to 408.22251). MIOSHA variations are published on the MIOSHA [website](#).

## QUICK LINKS

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[Asbestos Program](#)

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